

Geographic Leads for Tribes in Arizona

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Below is a list of tribes and the AESO “geographic lead” for each tribe’s reservation. These leads are the primary staff-level contact for Endangered Species Act (ESA) technical assistance, and activities (section 7 consultations, habitat conservation planning, safe harbor agreements, etc.) within that area. For these activities, the tribe or agency operating on the reservation should typically initiate contact with the lead. For actions outside the reservation that affect tribal resources or rights, other personnel may be geographic lead (e.g., on BLM land). The AESO “species lead” will initiate contacting tribes for ESA species-based activities (listing, critical habitat designation, recovery planning, etc.). For general tribal coordination, contact the AESO Tribal Coordinator (John Nystedt). For other tribes with cultural ties in Arizona, contact the local ES Field Office or their regional Native American Liaison.

<u>Tribe</u>	<u>AESO Geographic Lead</u>
Ak Chin Indian Community	Greg Beatty
Chemehuevi Tribe*	Jessica Gwinn
Cocopah Tribe	Jessica Gwinn
Colorado River Indian Tribes	Jessica Gwinn
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Greg Beatty
Fort Mohave Indian Tribe	Jessica Gwinn
Gila River Indian Community	Greg Beatty
Havasupai Tribe	John Nystedt
Hopi Tribe	John Nystedt
Hualapai Tribe	John Nystedt
Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians	John Nystedt
Navajo Nation	John Nystedt
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	Cat Crawford
Quechan Tribe	Jessica Gwinn
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	Greg Beatty
San Carlos Apache Tribe	John Nystedt
San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe	John Nystedt
Tohono O'odham Nation	Erin Fernandez Timbadia
Tonto Apache Tribe	John Nystedt
White Mountain Apache Tribe	John Nystedt
Yavapai-Apache Tribe	John Nystedt
Yavapai-Prescott Tribe	John Nystedt

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* The Chemehuevi Reservation is in California, bordering Lake Havasu. Because AESO is the lead Ecological Services office for Colorado River issues, we assume the geographic lead for Chemehuevi.